GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of pulses in the country is less that its consumption;

(b) if so, the comparative figures of its production and consumption in the country during the last three years, year- wise;

(c) whether the pulses are being imported to meet this shortage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTIO (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : Yes, Sir

(b) : The production of total pulses in the years 2003- 04, 2004-05 were 149.1 lakh tonnes and 131.3 lakh tonnes respectively. As per 4th Advance Estimates released on 15th July 2006, the total pulses production in 2005-06 is estimated at 131.1 lakh tonnes. On the basis of normative requirement of foodgrains comprising cereals as recommended by National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad and the population projections given by the Registrar General of India, the total consumption requirement of pulses in the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 were 167.4 lakh tonnes, 170.6 lakh tonnes and 173.8 lakh tonnes respectively.

(c) : Yes, Sir

(d) : Import of pulses during the year 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 were 17.23 lakh tonnes, 13.39 lakh tonnes and 16.08 lakh tonnes respectively.